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SPEAKING CONTEST PROVES TO BE A BIG SUCCESS

Miss Lillie Bilbrey and Mark Tucker
Won the Two Prizes of
Five Dollars Each.

The speaking contest at the Baptist church Friday night brought out a large and interested audience and the occasion proved a rare treat for every piece was splendidly rendered and showed that each speaker had been carefully trained by some one of marked skill in that line.

The prize was a \$5 gold piece to the girl who won in the contest between the girls and a like prize for the boy who was victor in his class. Miss Lillie Bilbrey and Mark Tucker were the victors. Miss Bilbrey delivered "Darius Green and His Flying Machine." Mr. Tucker delivered "Sparticus to the Gladiators."

The prizes were presented by Geo. P. Burnett. In delivering the prizes Mr. Burnett certainly voiced the feelings of the audience when he stated that never before in Crossville had there been so many pieces rendered that showed so much ability and between which there must have been much hesitation in the minds of the judges in deciding upon the victor for there was not a single dull piece, every one rendered his or her piece with unusual ability.

Much credit is due Miss Stella Walker, of the High School faculty who drilled the young people and assisted them both in selecting and otherwise preparing their pieces.

Such splendid results were achieved that there is likely to be other similar contests before the school year closes.

BIGLICK

The men of our neighborhood met Wednesday, Dec. 7, and formed themselves into a club to be called The Biglick Community Club. The object of this club is to promote the interest and welfare of our community. T. S. Randolph was elected president, A. H. Hall Secretary and W. V. Burgess Treasurer.

The first work done by the Biglick Community Club was to put a culvert, fill in stones and make good the only bad place in the approach to our school house. The club is to meet monthly. It has a full program ahead. The belfry on the school house is to be put in shape the next meeting.

Our Christmas tree will be held Saturday afternoon, Dec. 24. A program will be presented and good Old St. Nick will do the rest.

Our school closed Friday with a good program, songs speeches and dialogues. This has been a happy and successful school year. Miss Della Lemmons left Saturday for her home in Algood. She is so endeared to the children and people by her good work and hearty co-operation in all the community interests.

Rev. A. A. Hanks preached for us Sunday morning and afternoon.

By our Thanksgiving thank offering we sent eight dollars to the Near East Relief Fund. At Christmas we will send a gift to the children of those suffering people.

Arch Hale visited his family Sunday. They are staying with T. L. Hale, Mrs. Hale's father.

Emmett Kerley is pushing the work on his house and hopes to soon be able to move into it.

A. H. Hall has bought a half interest in H. I. Nail's store. The intend to begin building as soon as possible a larger and attractive building into which they will move their stock. It will be near the present site and the old building will be turned into a grist mill.

Nail & Hall have bought a dandy gasoline engine for their grist mill. This will be a great help to us as we have had to go to the valley for our grinding.

Rev. P. E. Radford will preach for us Sunday and give us a Christmas message.

We are having a round of whooping cough. It is a mild for and is not going seriously with our sturdy young ones though they are doing a good job in the coughing line.

The deacons of the Presbyterian church made an every-member canvass of the community for the support of the work. They met with hearty response. Almost every one pledged something to carry on the good work being done. Many and gracious were the words of kindness they got on every side.

Snow Ball.

BIG YIELDS BY BOYS BEAT STATE AVERAGE

Average Yield for Whole Country
26½ Bushels; Corn Club
Boys Got 56.

Boys' Corn Clubs were organized in 37 Tennessee counties in 1921. The total number of community corn clubs was 186 and the total enrollment of boys was 2,154. This was an average of 58 members to the county and almost 12 to each community club. It was required that 6 boys be enrolled before a county or community club was organized.

The task before each club member was to follow the instructions of his county agent in the growing of an acre of corn. They were given instructions regarding the type of soil to use, methods of preparing, fertilizing, planting and cultivating. They were also instructed as to the variety of corn most suited to various types of soil and localities.

A large percentage of the 2,154 boys successfully grew their acres of corn and the county agent succeeded in collecting 701 complete booklets showing details of the work and the results obtained. A compilation of these reports furnishes interesting food for thought to every person interested in the agricultural development of Tennessee.

The 701 boys who submitted complete reports grew 39,175 bushels of corn on an average of 56 bushels per acre. To grow this corn it cost \$11,684 or an average of 30 cents a bushel.

The average corn yield of all farmers as reported by the government was 26½ bushels. While this yield is slightly above the ten year average, the corn club boys have produced more than twice the average for the entire state.

It is interesting to know that it cost the boys an average of \$16.80 to grow each acre of corn. The average market price of corn in Tennessee on November 1, was 59 cents per bushel. At this price the 56 bushels would bring \$33.04, leaving a net profit of \$12.24 per acre. But the corn fed to livestock is worth more than the price it will bring on the market in the fall of the year. Many of these same boys who are in the pig clubs are finding that corn fed to hogs is worth 75 cents a bushel and that is the value placed on their crop. At 75 cents a bushel the 56 bushels would be worth \$42.00 leaving a net profit of \$25.20 per acre.

This report has every indication that the corn club boys of Tennessee have done a splendid work in 1921. The advice to every member is to practice these same methods on his entire farm when he begins to operate one of his own. It will result in more prosperous farmers and a more prosperous state.—Division of Extension, Department of Agriculture.

TENNESSEE CENTRAL R. R. MAY BE RE-ORGANIZED

Movement Now on Foot That Looks
To Taking Road Out of Hands
of Receivers.

There has been considerable talk for the past week over a movement that is now on foot looking to the re-organization of the Tennessee Central railroad through which means it is planned to borrow a million and a half dollars to pay off the floating indebtedness and provide a working capital. It is also contemplated to take the road out of the hands of the receivers.

It is claimed the road had been losing \$1,500 a day for many months previous to September 2 and since that time the loss has been over \$1,000 a day.

Any arrangement that is made must be made with the consent of the Illinois Central and Southern Railway and the Fourth & First National Bank of Nashville, for they are all heavy holders of securities of the road.

This section would be greatly benefited if some move was made to get the road out of the hands of the receivers. Nothing can be done while the road is in the hands of receivers looking to reduce rates on any character of freight. This county is now paying very heavy freight charges for slag from Rockwood for our roads. Unless relief is secured at no distant date road work will be greatly hampered in this section because of the extremely heavy freight charges. Our people would welcome any change that will give relief along that line.

GEO. P. BURNETT ENTERS PROHIBITION WORK

Left for Nashville Monday Night to
Take Position of Chief
Executive.

Geo. P. Burnett left on the night train Monday for Nashville to enter upon his duties as Chief Executive in the government prohibition work in this state under Prohibition Director W. A. Smith. The position carries with it a salary of over \$2,500 and traveling expenses, when called to visit other points of the state. Mr. Burnett will not move his family to Nashville for the present, at least.

In going the away of Mr. Burnett our town and county loses one of its most valued and energetic citizens. It is very probable that no other man in the county has given so much of his time and energy uncompensated for the things that make for better community conditions as Mr. Burnett. He was ever active in every movement that meant better things for our people. No one who knew him

MOONSHINERS CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS

Marshal Lyles and Henry Turner
Land Bezzy and Lewis Brendle
and Got Still.

Monday Marshal Lyles and Henry Turner arrested Bezzy Brendle and brother, Lewis Brendle, on Caney Fork beyond Pomona a few miles. A younger brother Henry Brendle got away.

In addition to the still, they secured 7 gallons of whiskey, a shot gun and got a pistol off of each of the men. They were brought to town, had a hearing before Esq. O. B. Rector and both were held under a bond of \$1,000 each in the whiskey case and \$250 each in the pistol case.

They were turned over to Sheriff Walker and he placed them in the care of his deputy, J. R. Adams. Up to the hour of going to press they had not made bond.

The men are both sons of Matthew Brendle, who lives near the Claysville church, about two miles beyond Pomona. One of the men resisted the officers and had quite a scuffle

WONDERLAND OF THINGS AT REED'S BIG SALE

Such an Array of Christmas and
Other Goods Never Before
Shown in Crossville.

The big fourteen-day sale now on at the store of Reed Mercantile Company presents such an array of goods for the Christmas joys, the little folks, the misses and masters as well as the grown-ups was never on display in any store in Crossville before.

To attempt to enumerate them would be a task too large for the space that conditions will permit us to use. But there are Christmas toys for the little folks, rubber balloons, wagons, horns and a thousand and one other things to delight the little stocking hangers who will breathlessly await the coming of Santa Clause.

While the children have been remembered most generously, the young people and grown-ups have not been forgotten for there are dresses, gowns, waists, gloves, wraps, stockings, laces and a multitude of other things that appeal to the heart of the young ladies.

There are suits for the men, hats, shoes, shirts, overcoats, jumpers, overalls and practically every other article of use and service that young men need.

Nor are the older folks forgotten for there are shawls, overcoats, warm gloves, hats, caps and great piles of boxes of underwear for the old, the young and the children.

The management seems to have met every desire and need that one could expect to express, for in out-ings and piece goods there is a most elaborate display of many weaves, and colors almost without number. Judging from the crowds that throng the store aisles, one would be justified in feeling that prices are trimmed to a most attractive point, especially for those who find it necessary to stretch their dollar to cover the greatest possible number of pressing wants of the family.

Even if one did not wish to buy, it is worth a walk of several blocks to be able to stroll through the great medley of goods for beauty and use that have been so artistically arranged to tempt the pocket books of those who are seeking bargains and presents for the Yuletide. If you have not visited this vast emporium of beauty and bargains, you have missed a real treat. This sale will continue throughout the entire week.

BUY LITTLE BULLET STAMPS AND HELP SAVE A LIFE

Sale of the Anti-Tuberculosis Seals
Will Close Christmas Eve;
Buy Some.

Tuberculosis is still the most dreaded disease. Life insurance statistics show that it is the most deadly. In the United States 360 persons die every day from this disease, while ten persons die each day in Tennessee from the same cause.

These figures are startling in the tale that they tell, but they are not so disheartening when it is known that they are being gradually reduced each year as the result of the annual sale of Christmas seals, the proceeds from which go to fighting tuberculosis throughout the United States.

The annual sale of these seals started in Tennessee December 1, and will end on Christmas Eve. The sales to date have been most encouraging according to those in charge of the campaign in Tennessee which is being conducted by the four leading women's organizations, and it is predicted that this state will make a most satisfactory record of sale by the time the last seal is sold next Saturday night.

The small price of a penny each has made these little seals very popular and the yearly increase receipts from the sale of them is evidence of their growing popularity. They are being used extensively on letters and packages of all kinds and their cheery greeting will carry a message of many a life saved before the joyful Yuletide season has come to a close.

Expensive Water Power.

"Yes," said the defendant in a criminal case, "my lawyer certainly made a strong plea for me. He even wept."

"What was his bill?" asked the other man.

"Well, as nearly as I can figure it out he charged about \$100 a tear."

The Little Feller's Stockin'

By Joseph C. Lincoln

O, it's Christmas Eve, and moonlight, and the Christmas air is chill,
And the frosty Christmas holly shines and sparkles on the hill,
And the Christmas sleigh bells jingle and the Christmas laughter rings,
As the last stray shoppers hurry, takin' home the Christmas things,
And up yonder in the attic there's a little trundle bed
Where there's Christmas dreams a-dancin' thru a sleepy, curly head,
And it's "Merry Christmas" Mary, once again fer me and you,
With the little feller's stockin' hangin' up beside the flue.

'Tisn't silk, that little stockin', and it isn't much fer show,
And the darns are pretty plenty 'round about the heel and toe,
And the color's kind er faded, and it's sorter worn and old,
But it really is surprisin' what a lot of love 'twill hold;
And the little hand that hung it by the chimney there along
Has a grip upon our heart-strings that is mighty firm and strong;
So old Santy won't fergit it, tho it isn't fine and new,
That plain little worsted stockin', hangin' up beside the flue.

And the crops may fail and leave us with our plans all knocked to smash,
And the mortgage may hang heavy, and the bills use up the cash,
But whenever comes the season, jest so long's we've got a dime,
There'll be something in that stockin'—won't there, Mary?—every time.
And if amongst our sunshine there's a shower or two of rain,
Why, we'll face it bravely smilin' and we'll try not to complain,
Long as Christmas comes and finds us here together, me and you,
With the little feller's stockin' hangin' up beside the flue.—New-Church League Journal.

ever questioned where he would find him when it came to matters within the law or for higher Christian living. His ability, energy and high character are the very strongest assurance that he will make good in his new field of labor. He has a host of friends over the county who will wish for him unbounded success.

QUICK WORK GETTING INSURANCE ADJUSTED

Ernest Jones, Pleasant Hill, and J. J. Wilkes, Crossville Were Both
Paid Promptly.

Friday, December 9, Ernest Jones had his car badly damaged by fire at Pleasant Hill. The insurance on the car amounted to \$500. The car, it seems was not entirely destroyed. On December 15, the claim was adjusted through O. B. Rector agent for the Pacific Mutual. Because the car was not entirely destroyed and for the further fact that cars are considerably reduced in price over what they were when the insurance was taken out, the claim was compromised on a reduction of \$100, the company paying Mr. Jones \$400.

As will be remembered the Ohio Garage, belonging to J. J. Wilkes, was burned the night of December 10. He had \$800 insurance on the building and \$600 on his tools and supplies. The claim was settled through the agent, O. B. Rector, December 14 for the whole amount.

with Henry Turner before he was finally overpowered. He had his shot gun pointed at Henry Turner and it is thought he would have fired had Turner not told him not to shoot as he might kill his brother, whom they had in charge at the time.

Revenue officers are expected here today to take the men to Cookeville, where they will likely remain until Federal court convenes again. Sheriff Walker has been notified to hold them, even though they make the bond of \$1,000 each, until the federal officer arrives.

TO MAKE CHICAGO DRY.

The chief of police of Chicago has made the statement that he will "Make Chicago so dry it will squeak." More than 500 persons were under arrest and many more were to be taken into custody soon, is the report.

On December 16 the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ducey, Canonsburg, Pa., was gladdened by the birth of a daughter, whom they call Mary Evelyn. Mrs. S. C. Bishop is with her daughter and will remain for a few weeks.

One of the many fine things about baseball is that G. B. Shaw has not expressed an opinion concerning it.—Boston Shoe and Leather Reporter.

Whatever it is that afflicts Congress it would be fine if our speed maniacs could catch it.—Harrisburg Patriot News.